

REMARKS

Group Election

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement stating that the application claims two distinct inventions. Specifically, the Examiner identifies the two inventions as being:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to a composition comprising a non-glucocorticoid steroid and a β 2-agonist bronchodilator, classified in class 514, subclass 171.
- II. Claims 15-18, drawn to a method of treatment comprising administering a composition comprising a non-glucocorticoid steroid and a β 2-agonist bronchodilator, classified in class 514, subclass 171.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.142, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-14 without traverse. Accordingly, 15-18 are withdrawn without prejudice.

Applicants, however, reserve the right pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention during the pendency of the present application. Accordingly, no new matter is added. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that this paper fully addresses the Office Action mailed December 27, 2006. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (650) 565-3585. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 30775-713.201).

Respectfully submitted,

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